scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of water bodies during the 10th Plan. NCT of Delhi was not covered under the scheme.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

20 feet deep cracks area near Allahabad District

†454. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in certain parts of the country, particularly in four villages of Meza Tehsil of District Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh, about 20 feet deep cracks have appeared on the surface of earth and thereby affecting a 5 kilometer stretch;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether over exploitation of the underground water is one of the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to avert this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) As per reports received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Geological Survey of India, Lucknow, the cracks appeared on the surface of the earth in some parts of the country including 6 villages of Meza Tehsil of District Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh. The report also indicates that these cracks developed due to excessive drying up of soil as a result of excessive withdrawal of ground water and over saturation of soil mass due to heavy rainfall of short duration.

The Government of India has circulated a Model Bill to all States / UTs to enact suitable legislation for controlled withdrawal of ground water.

Bill for control of flood

□455. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States to which the Bill on measures to check flood in 1975, prepared by Central Water Commission, was sent;

(b) whether the Bill includes the right to formulate policy on evacuation of people affected by flood providing compensation to people in flood affected areas and settlement in flood-prone areas;

(c) the States which had made a legislation by getting that Bill pursued in their respective State Assemblies;

(d) whether the Bill was passed in State Assemblies of Rajasthan, Manipur, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) whether the Centre would again direct the States to implement the recommendations of Central Water Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Central Water Commission had prepared the "Model Bill on Flood Plain Zoning" and circulated the same in 1975 to all the States and Union Territories for enactment of legislation.

(b) The Clause-17 (1) of the Model Bill on payment of compensations states that "Where any permission to undertake any activity in the flood plain has been refused to any person where as a result of prohibition or restriction imposed on any person under this Act, such person suffers any damage, he shall be entitled to the payment of compensation not exceeding the difference between the value of the land as determined in Section 23 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and the value which it would have, had the permission for carrying on any (Central Act 1894) activity had been granted or the prohibition or restriction had not been imposed".

(c) Manipur enacted legislation in 1978 and Rajasthan enacted in 1991.

(d) The bill was passed in the States of Manipur and Rajasthan only.

(e) At present there is no such proposal.

Management of ground water resources in Andhra Pradesh

456. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of blocks or mandals or talukas, district-wise, in the State of Andhra Pradesh identified by the Central Ground Water Board as 'over-exploited' and 'critical' and semi-critical;

(b) the details of measures taken for management and development of ground water resources in 'over-exploited' and 'critical' blocks or mandals or talukas of the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the details of artificial recharge projects undertaken in the Tenth and Eleventh Plan period in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per assessment carried out by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) jointly with and State Ground Water Organization of Andhra Pradesh in the year 2004, out of 1231 mandals of the State, 219 mandals are categorized as 'Over-exploited', 77 as 'Critical' and 175 as 'Semi-critical'. The district-wise details of categorization of mandals are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Measures taken for management and development of ground water resources include:-

(i) Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has 'notified' 3 over-exploited mandals namely Tirupathi (Rural) in Chittoor district, Midjil in Mehboobnagar